

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Examiner's Office Action dated July 24, 2007. This Office Action rejected all claims pending at the time. Specifically, all claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 21-24, 28, 34 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,633,914 issued to Bayeh et al. (Bayeh). Claims 31 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Bayeh. Claims 29 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Bayeh in view of Applicants' Admitted Prior Art. In light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of all pending claims.

As noted, all claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Specifically, the Office Action objects to the use of the phrase "thin client user interface." The Office Action asserts this phrase is relative which renders the claim indefinite. Applicants note that this phrase is not contained within independent Claim 28.

Applicants assert that the term "thin client user interface" is definite. One of ordinary skill in the art will certainly understand the scope of the term "user interface." One of ordinary skill in the art will also understand the scope of the term "thin client." Specifically, one of ordinary skill in the art will understand that a thin client is a client computer or client software in client-server architecture networks that depends primarily on the central server for processing activities, and mainly focuses on conveying input and output between the user and the remote server. A user cannot input data without using an interface. Therefore, it stands to reason that one of ordinary skill in the art will understand the scope and meaning of the term "thin client user interface."

As noted above, independent Claims 21 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Bayeh. Applicants have amended independent Claims 21 and 28 to recite features that are not taught or fairly suggested in the section of Bayeh cited in the Office Action.

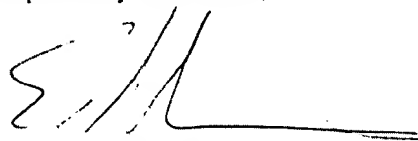
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For example, independent Claim 21 now recites that first and second *data* of first and second requests, respectively, are processed in accordance with first and second business objects, respectively, and that the first and second results are forwarded to the first and second computers, respectively, via the object manager. Additionally, independent Claim 28 now recites that the first and second business objects process third and fourth data, respectively, entered via the second and first thin client user interfaces, respectively. With this latter amendment, independent Claim 21 now recites that the first and second objects process data entered via the first thin client user interface, and that the first and second business objects process data entered via the second thin client user interface. Applicants assert this limitation is not taught or fairly suggested in the sections of Bayeh cited in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants assert that independent Claims 21 and 28 are patentably distinguishable over the cited sections of Bayeh. The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from independent Claims 21 and 28, and are patentably distinguishable for this reason.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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